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SUBJECT: EMBASSY TRAVEL

REFS: MOSCOW 1331, MOSCOW 2225, MOSCOW 3153

1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY TRAVEL CONDITIONS IN FEBRUARY
DETERIORATED SOMEWHAT FROM JANUARY (MOSCOW 1331) WITH
SURFACING OF ADDITIONAL SOVIET BUREAUCRATIC REQUIREMENTS
FOR: (A) EMBASSY "CONSULTATIONS" WITH MFA CONSULAR
ADMINISTRATION ON CLOSED AREA CONSULAR TRAVEL
(MOSCOW 2225) AND (B) SUBMISSION OF TRAVEL NOTES FOR
DIRECT RAIL TRAVEL OUT OF THE SOVIET UNION (MOSCOW 3153).
MFA PROTOCOL CONTINUED PRACTICE OF REFUSAL OF CLOSED
AREA ACCESS BY EMBOFFS AS WELL AS REGULAR ALTERATION
OR NON-REGISTRATION OF TRAVEL TO CERTAIN "OPEN AREAS."
END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY TRAVEL STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 1976 ARE
AS FOLLOWS:

SELF- REFUSED-
REQUESTS DESTINATIONS TRAVELERS CANCELLED ALTERED
34 53 61 4 3
EXCEPTIONS REQUESTED:
24-HOUR 48-HOUR CLOSED AREA
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EXCEPTIONS DENIED:

24-HOUR 48-HOUR CLOSED AREA

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3. CLOSED AREA ACCESS DENIED WAS TO KOLOMNA, MIASS,
CHELYABINSK AND TARTU. SOLE EMBASSY CLOSED-AREA
EXCEPTION GRANTED IN 1976 REPORTED MOSCOW 1331
ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE FEBRUARY 5 THOUGH CREDITED TO
JANUARY STATISTICS.

4. ALMA-ATA WAS "CLOSED TEMPORARILY" MID-FEBRUARY,
PERHAPS DUE TO SCHEDULING OF REPUBLIC PARTY CONGRESS.
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